



Tells How to Pick Ball Jock Gives Real Pointers

Golf Authorities Put End to Small, Heavy Ball by Inaugurating Standard Article.

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Only American to Win British Open Championship.

I WONDER how many golf players know anything about the ball they use, or should use. I feel it quite necessary to qualify this a little because I know many golfers play with a ball that does not suit their game at all. This is true more often with the feminine sex. It was true more a year or so ago than it is today, but the women majority of golf have not awakened to this fact.

It was the Golf Union who put an end to the small heavy ball by standardization. This made balls more uniform, and it was supposed that they would be more adapted to the average player.

It will be necessary to go back a little in golf history to make certain points clear about the modern ball. In the beginning, the originators of the game used a feather ball. Old timers can tell how they made them by stuffing a hat full of feathers into a little leather cover, and how hard they were to get the cover on good and tight.

We, who hit the rubber-cored ball 200 or 300 yards down the fairway today, can appreciate how the game has advanced since those times. The kutta percha ball followed the "feather," but it was by an accident only that it came to supersede it.

When gutta percha was discovered early in the last century, it was thought to be suitable for a golf ball. Several were made up and submitted to the Royal and Ancient Committee. They were tried, but found wanting, because they would not fly properly, but had the habit of ducking, which

The ball had, of course, was no good for the players who wanted to increase their distance. It broke off line sharply and could not be depended upon for direction.

They Became Nicked.

The balls were thrown away, and some of them got into the hands of the caddies. They began to bat them around with iron clubs, and as a result, they became nicked all over. The more they nicked them the greater distance they would fly. The boys called the committee's attention to

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Nov. 5.—For the first time in history Franklin Field, Philadelphia, will be the home gridiron for the Nittany Lions of Penn State next Saturday when they stack up against Bob Fowlwell's Navy eleven in a game that will definitely determine the final rating for both teams in the football world. Since the University of Pennsylvania plays Dartmouth at the Polo Grounds in New York, there will be no other game in Philadelphia next Saturday.

This strange result was soon discovered and a lot of new gutta percha balls were ordered from the dentist or crassers were made on the surface, which caused the ball to hold up in the air and steady on the line when properly hit. A ball perfectly smooth with a surface like a marble will not hold the gutta percha ball made of rubber. The balls used in the game was of no use until scarred.

The rubber core made its appearance at the beginning of the present century, twenty-one years ago. It was made of rubber and was used in the game.

learned in that time, and golf balls to lose are a pretty big part of the game. The first rubber cores had bramble markings, which gradually disappeared, giving away to the recess or dimple markings. The recess or dimple marking will hold the ball up in the air better than the old style, so experts claim. When the ball is used a lot and becomes dirty, it will not fly nearly so far. You should remember this point and keep the ball clean. Nearly every up-to-date course has provided a bucket of water and a towel at all tees for this purpose.

While on the subject of the player with the white ball before him every shot has a great advantage over the players with a dirty one at which to aim. It is easier to see and will appear much larger to the eye and will seldom get lost around without using two or three new balls. If the stake is worth it, the expense of a few balls is trifling in comparison.

We press no responsibility. I am sure that the wisest golfers follow Middles should be in much better condition for the game than Penn State. With the exception of the freshmen, the past three weeks ago, Penn State's men have not had a single game, while the Nittany Lions, on the other hand, have waded through three tough ones in succession, in Lehigh, Harvard and Tufts. The Nittany men are facing another real battle this afternoon in the shape of Carnegie Tech.

**DENY ICE TITLE RACES
ARE SLATED FOR CHICAGO**

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 5.—Henry Uhlhen, of Lake Placid, resident of the Adirondack Skating Association, and vice president of the In-

The makers of balls, realizing that they were suited only to players who could sock hard, made several lighter balls. There are balls on the market made now to suit every golf swing. The easier the swing the lighter the ball should be.

The standard weighs thirty penny-weight. This ball has been a great surprise to the authorities who tried to reduce the distance from the tee as this model—the best makes—will travel even a greater distance than the thirty-one.

There is a "Floater."
There is a ball called a "29" that is better adapted to the game of the woman golfer or the light hitter. Then there is still a lighter ball that is called a floater. Some players can

use the floater, which is intended for water hazards only, on the entire round and get perfect satisfaction. However, it is not suited to most styles.

I know pros who used to drive one of the small heavy balls against the wind and one a little lighter with a

choice outside of Lake Placid and Saranac Lake it is Montreal, certainly not Chicago."

KANAWHA BASKETBALL

TEAM FACES COLUMBIA

The small heavy ball was supposed to act steadier on the greens as the claim was made for it that it would keep a better line. A large ball every one thinks is so light that the least

thing deflects it from its course. A smaller ball is good for a hard hitter. The present standard ball is about as perfect as possible but manufacturers are not entirely satisfied. Balls vary a little no matter what care is taken to make them perfect.

Trouble sometimes results from having a ball lobbed. This is caused by hard hitting. Sometimes the cord not being in the exact center causes trouble. Not so much with the flight as with the action of the ball on the putting green. If very much off center, a small putt would not run

straight. It would not make so much difference in the long putt as it is quite impossible for any one to pick out the true line to the hole when as far as eight or ten feet away over a carpet of grass. A bad putt may, therefore, find its way into a cup while

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a supposed good one might miss it.

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